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Application No. 09/944,581

Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of the application.
Claims 1 - 21 stand rejected.

Claim Objections

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 1 – 15 and 21 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. These rejections are respectfully traversed. Applicants' representative discussed the rejection with the Examiner over the telephone and the Examiner agreed to review and possibly revise the 112 rejection in view of Applicants' representative's comments. Specifically, these claims relate to the print driver interaction with a software application. A user would interact with the application, and enter information there, but the invention deals with the interaction between the application and the driver.

Claims 16 – 20 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. These rejections are respectfully traversed for similar reasons as with respect to claims 1-15 and 21. Applicants recite a print driver UI method for printing multiple copies of a document. This includes offering the user one or more choices related to printing multiple copies of the document. Specifically, offering the user the chance to transfer control of printing multiple copies to the print driver from the application. The method also includes transferring control of printing the multiple copies from a software application to the print driver. This is, of course, where the user has selected to transfer control. Finally, the print driver reports to the software application that one copy of the document will be printed. This lowers the chance that the output will be undesirable.

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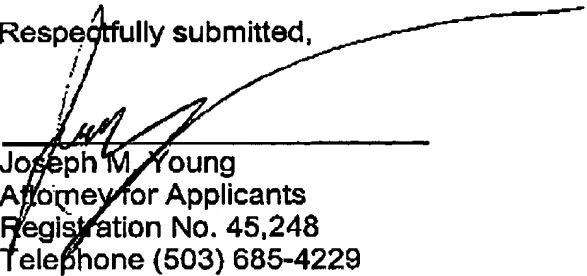
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Conclusion

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

A telephone interview is respectfully requested at the number listed below prior to any further Office Action, i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any further Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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